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SUBJECT: GENERAL ABD AL-JABBAR AL-ASADI

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1. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, GENERAL ABD AL-JABBAR AL-ASADI IS AN ASSISTANT TO THE IRAQI CHIEF OF STAFF AND IS CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH PERSONNEL AND SUPPLY MATTERS. HE IS ALSO A SENIOR BAATH PARTY MEMBER.

2. THE IRAQI CHIEF OF STAFF, SHANSHAL, IS NOT A PARTY MEMBER AND ASADI SERVES AS A LINK BETWEEN THE BAATH PARTY'S INTERNAL INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION AND THE CHIEF OF STAFF. HE IS THE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH THE PARTY'S WISHES ON KEY MILITARY ASSIGNMENTS ARE PASSED TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF.

3. ASADI IS CONSIDERED SOMEWHAT ANTI-AMERICAN.

4. ASADI IS OBVIOUSLY IN A KEY POSITION IN RESPECT TO THE INTERNAL POWER STRUCTURE IN IRAQ. LIKE MOST BAATH PARTY MEMBERS, HE HAS BEEN EXPOSED FOR YEARS TO A STEADY STREAM OF ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA. IF HE IS ADMITTED TO WALTER REED AND IS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY HIS TREATMENT, IT MIGHT HAVE EFFECT OF MODERATING OR ALTERING HIS ANTI-AMERICAN
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